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RE: MUR 5612

Dear Mr. Trister:

This is in response to your letter dated December 6, 2004, which we received on December 15, 2004, requesting an extension until January 5, 2005, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on January 5, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal Complaints Examination & Legal Administration